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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 1999

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, NL, EC

SUBJECT: EC FONMINS' MEETINGS IN DUBLIN AND LUXEMBOURG

SUMMARY: DURING OUR APRIL 16 MEETING I ASKED FONMIN
VAN DER STOEL FOR HIS OVERVIEW OF RECENT EC FONMINS'
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MEETINGS. HE CONCENTRATED HIS COMMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST
AND PORTUGAL. END SUMMARY.

1. MIDDLE EAST: AFTER REFERRING TO US-EC EXCHANGE OF

MESSAGES, VAN DER STOEL SAID FONMINS' GENERAL FEELING HAD BEEN THAT IT COULD BE DANGEROUS TO SLIP INTO NEW GENEVA CONFERENCE WITHOUT SUFFICIENT PREPARATORYWORK TO ENSURE SOME CONCRETE RESULTS. FRANCE AND UK INDICATED THEY WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE AT GENEVA IF IT TAKES PLACE, AND VAN DER STOEL EXPECTS THEY WILL BE IN TOUCH DIRECTLY WITH US.

2. NINCE FELT THERE WAS NO NEED FOR ANOTHER EC DECLARATION ON ME. THEY ALSO AGREED THAT EFFORTS (NOT DEFINED) SHOULD BE MADE TO BRING ABOUT NEW ARAB-ISRAELI DIALOGUE.

3. NINE DECIDED EC AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL SHOULD COME INTO EFFECT BY JULY 1, BELIEVING THAT WHILE ISRAEL HAS NOT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH ARABS IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ISRAELIS NOT FEEL ISOLATED.

4. PORTUGAL: NOTING PORTUGAL HAD BEEN A PRIME TOPIC FOR FONMINS, VAN DER STOEL SAID GON DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER DEGREE TO WHICH MILITARY HAVE TAKEN POWER. BECAUSE SOVIETS ARE OFFERING PORTUGUESE MILITARY SO MUCH, WEST MUST COMPETE. HE THEN DESCRIBED DUTCH ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL (THE HAGUE 1953). VAN DER STOEL SAID HE FEELS IT VERY IMPORTANT THAT HE STAY IN CLOSEST CONTACT WITH HIS PORTUGUESE COUNTERPARTS NOT BECAUSE HE HAS ILLUSIONS REGARDING NATURE OF MILITARY'S TAKEOVER, BUT IN ORDER TO DO MAXIMUM POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC PORTUGUESE FORCES. IT WAS IN THIS CONTEXT THAT HE HAD INVITED ANTUNES TO VISIT HOLLAND IN MAY (THE HAGUE 1835). GOULD

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